

24. (Amended) A treatment process for improving the cell respiration and/or for reducing the desquamation of a keratin material and/or for preventing a keratin material from becoming dull and/or dirty comprising applying to a keratin material in need of said improvement, reduction and/or prevention a composition comprising a pollutant penetration limiting effective amount of phytanetriol in a physiologically acceptable medium.

### SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendments to claims 1, 23 and 24 can be found, inter alia, at page 16, line 10 through page 17, line 3.

Claims 1-24 and 26-31 are currently pending.

### REMARKS

The pending claims relate to methods of protecting keratin materials in need of protection from the harmful effects of pollution, and to methods of improving cell respiration, reducing desquamation, and/or preventing keratin materials from becoming dull and/or dirty by limiting pollutant penetration into keratin materials in need of such protection, improvement, reduction and/or prevention.

Keratin materials in need of protection from the effects of pollution include, but are not limited to, keratin materials (hair, skin, etc.) of people living in urban areas such as, for example, New York and Los Angeles and/or keratin materials of people desirous of obtaining such protection. Similarly, keratin materials in need of improvement of cell respiration, reduction of desquamation and/or prevention from becoming dull and/or dirty include, but are not limited to, keratin materials (hair, skin, etc.) of people subject to and/or concerned about the effects of pollution such as those living in urban areas such as, for example, New York